



HOLY INNOCENTS

Served By The Dominican Friars

Sunday, December 22, 2024

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9 AM (Family Mass),
11 AM, 5:15 PM
10 AM (*at Our Lady of Pompeii*)

DAILY MASS

Mon-Sat: 7 AM

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:15 PM

Tu, Thu: 5:30 PM (*at Our Lady of Pompeii*)

1st Fridays: 6 PM

CONFESSION

Tuesday: 7-8 PM

Saturday: 4:30-5 PM

Sunday: 4:30-5 PM

1st Fridays: 4:30-5:30 PM

1st Tuesdays: 5:00 -5:30 PM
(*at Our Lady of Pompeii*)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday: 7-8 PM

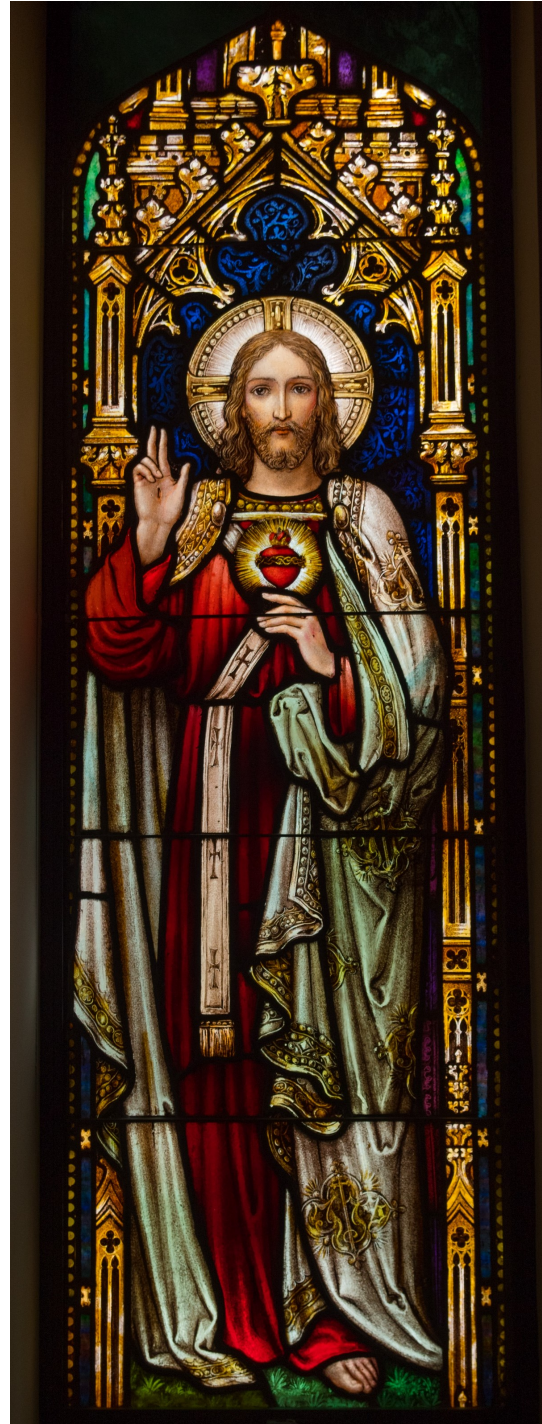
1st Fridays: 1-6 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9 AM-3:30 PM

WELCOME NEW PARISHONERS!

Stop in at the parish office to meet one of our friars
or fill out a card in the entryways to our church.



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Holy Innocents Church

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Fr. Frank Sutman, O.P.

OFFICE STAFF

Barbara Mackin, *business manager*
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:15 PM (Vigil) | †Robert Kafaraski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM | †The Yacovelli Family
9 AM | †Guiseppe & Vincenza D'Attoma
10 AM (OLP) | †Albert & Pauline Antaki
11 AM | †Brian Putorti
5:15 PM | People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 — ADVENT WEEKDAY

7 AM | †Robert Schoener
12:15 PM | †Ann Antonecchia

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — ADVENT WEEKDAY

7 AM | †Harris & Forstrom Family
4 PM | Intentions Of The Celebrant
6 PM | Intentions Of The Celebrant
10 PM | Intentions Of The Celebrant

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 —

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

7:30 AM | Intentions Of The Celebrant
9 AM | Intentions Of The Celebrant
10 AM | Intentions Of The Celebrant
11 AM | Intentions Of The Celebrant
5:15 PM (Quiet Mass) | Intentions Of The Celebrant

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 — ST. STEPHEN

8 AM | †Rose Makosky

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 — ST. JOHN

7 AM | †Martha Napolitano
12:15 PM | †Marguerite Snyder

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 — THE HOLY INNOCENTS

7 AM | People of the Parish
5:15 PM (Vigil) | †Piccorelli & Civita Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 —

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

7:30 AM | People of the Parish
9 AM | †Mario Galli
10 AM (OLP) | †Jeanette Trodden
11 AM | †Elizabeth Flanagan
5:15 PM | †Zacarolli, Timpone, Infelice, Morabito
& Meduri Family

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please visit our website or call the parish office.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you want to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office.

EMERGENCY LINE

If you need a priest after office hours, please call our emergency line at 914-340-4486.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Rose DeSanctis, Mary Coughlin, Buddy Coughlin, Jimmy Fleming, Robert Sarro, Louis Sarro, Joann Keddy, Laura Cabrera, Joel Walker, Pamela Pena, Maria Annunziata, Janet Moy, Teresa Angarola, Linda Callari, Isidro LaSalle, Ed Mann, Ada Juarbe, Meredith Davis, Vinny M., Maryann Colucci, Anthony Colucci, George Stefanou, Karen Carini, Nancy DeZolt, Monica Fabi, Stan Magda, BJ Buono, Patricia Greges, Micki Carbone, Walter Kastner, Jon Shuker, and Mary Collins,. Marilyn Ross, Ellen Defilippo, David Minchin, Hank Frazzini II, Margaret Murphy.

PASTOR LETTER

As we come to the conclusion of Advent, Mary “sets out and travels to the hill country in haste” to visit her cousin Elizabeth. When Elizabeth sees her, she recognizes God’s presence in her and announces, “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled!”

So too Mary visits us today. She comes to awaken new life within us, to remind us of God’s goodness, his blessedness, and his faithfulness.

She does this because we need to be reminded. There are times in each life when it is difficult to see God’s goodness, to remember his blessedness, to believe in his promises. When this is the case for us, Mary is here for us. We can accept her witness just by turning our mind’s eye towards her. Then, with the eyes of faith, we are able to see God’s goodness, blessedness, and faithfulness reflected upon her. She assures each of us this day, “Trust Him. He will do all things for you. Do not fear. Give yourself entirely to me so that I can make you entirely His. He will make all things new.”

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Looking forward to being with you for the Christmas Masses in a few days. If you know someone who has been away from the Church for a while, be like Mary for them: invite them to join you, to come with you to Mass, to rediscover God’s presence and fidelity born anew in the gift of the Child.

Peace,

Fr. Luke



COMING UP AT HOLY INNOCENTS

ADVENT REFLECTION & MEDITATION On The Gospel Of Luke led by Fr. Michael Ciccone, OP
Monday@5:30pm, Social Hall — 12/23 Gospel of Forgiveness.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve, Tuesday 12/24

4 pm, 6 pm & 10 pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday 12/25

7:30 am, 9 am, 10 am (OLP) & 5:15 pm (Quite Mass)

LITURGY NOTES

From a barren, elderly woman John the Baptist will be born, and from a small and insignificant place our Ruler shall come forth. Through the blessed fruit of Mary's womb, "we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." In him, God's "greatness reaches to the ends of the earth." In these final days of Advent, the closeness of the expectant Mary makes us leap like John the Baptist in his mother's womb. As we beg, "let us see your face and we shall be saved," we know that in Mary's maternal presence our prayer is already being answered. Our Savior, who "shall be peace," comes to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the

clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

COLLECT PRAYER

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

ALLELUIA ANTIPHON

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and His name will be called Emmanuel.

Mass Time
7 am



FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
DECEMBER 28

SONG TO BLESSED MOTHER Please join in singing the Marian hymn, the "Alma Redemptoris Mater," at our sung Masses each Sunday. Music cards are available in the pews.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET IN SONG Join us every 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday of the month at 3pm to pray in song.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION : For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

GLUTEN INTOLERANT? If you have a gluten intolerance and would like to receive a low-gluten Host at Communion, please see the priest 10 minutes before Mass.

FAMILY MASS All families are welcome to join us on Sundays 9:00 am for Mass.

SUNDAY COFFEE & DONUTS Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, following the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses; and every 1st Sunday of the month at OLP. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.

FIRST FRIDAY— JANUARY 3

Renew your life with Christ every first Friday of the month and join us for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Adoration is 1-6 PM, confessions are 4:30-5:30 PM, and three Masses are celebrated (7 AM, 12:15 PM, and 6 PM).



**Eucharistic
Adoration
Tuesdays 7-8pm
Confessions
Available**

SANCTUARY LAMP

The candle burning in the sanctuary is in Memory of **Louis Filice.**

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of:

Sally Guzman & John Nicolai.

FINANCES

Regular collection total in person and WeShare

December 8 \$14,731.

Thank you for your support!

CONGRATULATIONS

We celebrate with the parents and godparents of the newly baptized **Julia Weg.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry of Holy Innocents extends our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas to all of you! We look forward to your participation in the beautiful songs of the Christmas season that will be used to fill our parish liturgies with the joy of this special time of year. Each of these musical treasures has a unique way of portraying the poignant details of the birth of our Savior. We welcome and encourage you to join in singing them with the love and spirit that Christmas inspires in all of us!!

We thank you for your support all year, and wish you a very Merry Christmas!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

(call the office or email office@hiparish.org to help)

USHERS

We are looking for individuals who can assist for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. Individual schedules can be accommodated.

CHURCH CARE

We can use a lending hand to clean and beautify our church and surrounding property. Volunteers ages 12 and older welcome.

SNOW CREW

We are looking for volunteers to help shovel the Church premises when snow arrives. Call the office or email office@hiparish.org to be added to the crew.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Happy Fourth Week of Advent! You will see all four of the candles on the Advent wreath lit! In the readings we will hear about the foretelling of the birth of Jesus, and the beautiful meeting between our Blessed Mother and her cousin Elizabeth. God's promise of a Savior born in Bethlehem and Mary's obedience to God's calling help us continue our preparation for Christmas.

The Religious Education Program wishes all of our catechists, volunteers, parents and students a very Merry Christmas! This is a wonderful time to spend with families and friends and it is our wish that you enjoy this special season! We hope you keep Jesus close to your heart and celebrate His birth. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Remember **no classes until January 6th.**

COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY

We had a very merry Mass & Meal last Sunday celebrating Gaudete Sunday with our college community. As the Fall semester comes to a close, we'd like to thank everyone for their support and participation in our Ministry for college students in Westchester county. Please stay tuned for more events and important dates in the new year!

College students who would like to receive more information and updates about events are invited to join our GroupMe chat by scanning the QR code below.

On behalf of Holy Innocents Church and the College Campus Ministry team, we want to wish everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!



PARISH NEWS

Family Christmas Photos Send us one picture of your family celebrating Christmas that we can share in our January 12 bulletin. Photos are due by 1/6. Email photo to office@hiparish.org.

Christmas Flowers Thank you to all who donated. A list of names will be displayed in the Narthex of the church.

All seasons Clothing Drive: to support Coachman Homeless Center, White Plains, NY For the month of December we will be collecting all seasons clothing for children and adults. Winter clothing is preferred (coats & sweaters, etc.). Clothes can be brought to HI Church, Tompkins Ave. entrance. For questions contact LovetteEsliker@gmail.com or (914) 610-5081.

PARISH GROUPS

(FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE FLOCKNOTE & FLIERS BY THE CHURCH ENTERANCES)

HI MOMS GROUP Our focus is supporting mothers and babies within our parish and the wider community. Please use the play area set up in the Social Hall! It is available for use during and after Masses. If you'd like to get involved contact Adriana at asel4451@gmail.com or 917-291-1476.

OCIA The Holy Innocents group for those who want to explore the Catholic faith has begun. We welcome non-Catholics as well as adult Catholics who haven't received their sacraments of initiation. The group gathers weekly on Wednesday evenings. If interested please contact the parish office or Fr. Philip.

BIBLE STUDY Join our Men's Group, Saturdays 9:00am and Women's Group Saturdays, 9:00am.

CYO Basketball See our website for more information.

ALTAR SERVERS Any children 3rd grade and up who want to join our altar server team are asked to contact the parish office or Fr. Philip.

KNITTING GROUP Meetings are 1st Thursdays of the month in the Social Hall at 7:30 PM. Newcomers are welcome!

CHURCH CARE Please join in lending a hand to clean and beautify our church and surrounding property. Volunteers ages 12 and older welcome. Our next cleaning session TBA.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP HI support group is for anyone laden by grief. Meetings are usually on a Thursday evening and the next meeting will be announced soon. There is no commitment and the group is not limited to parishioners of Holy Innocents. For more information, contact the parish office.

FOLLOW ME (GROUP FOR TEENS)

All high school students are invited to join our new youth group hosted by Fr. Luke and Fr. Philip on **Tuesdays at 7pm in our Social Hall**. Each meeting involves food, fellowship, and discussions about faith. For more information, contact the parish office or scan the QR code to join.



DAUGHTERS OF MARY (GIRLS GRADES 5-8)

The next Daughters of Mary meeting is on **January 4, 4:45-7:15 PM in the Social Hall**. The girls meet the first Saturday of the month and will enjoy a meal, arts and crafts, learn about Mary and her virtues. To register email rosemarie@marysbeautybook.com

CATHOLIC RESOURCES

CATHOLIC NETFLIX

We hope you are enjoying the parish subscription to FORMED, an online Catholic video streaming service. There are many videos, documentaries, and movies to help you grow in your Catholic faith. To access:

1. Click "Sign Up"
2. Click "Sign Up as a Parishioner"
3. Create a New Account
4. Enter "Holy Innocents, Pleasantville, NY"
5. Enter "Name and Email"

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